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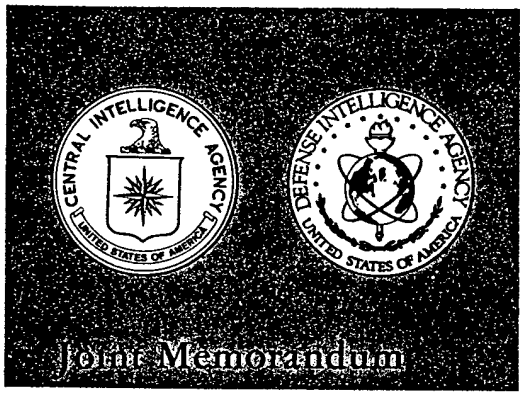

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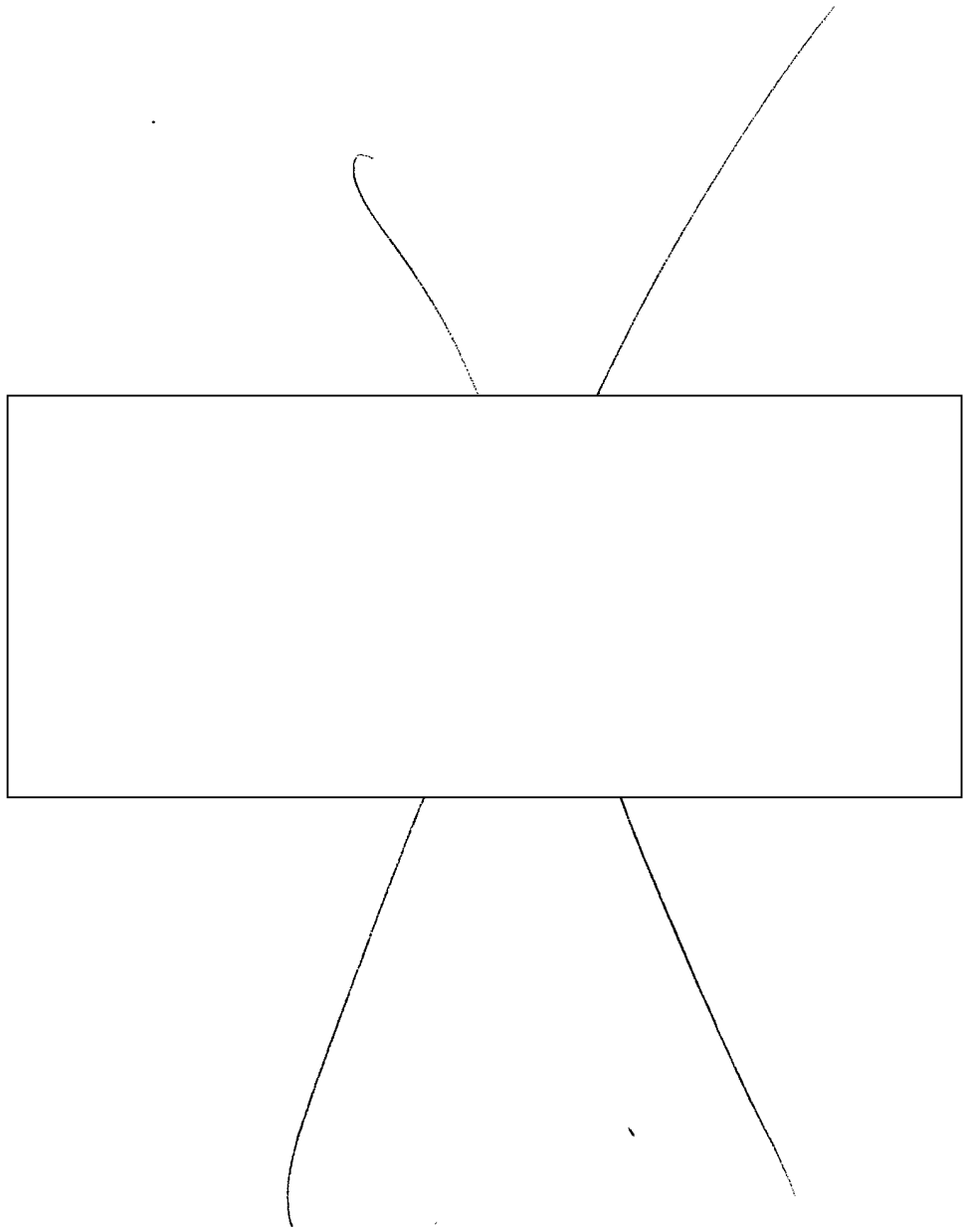

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MEMORANDUM

Estimates of Soviet Medium and Heavy Tanks in Active Units Stationed in the NATO Guidelines Area (NGA)

1. DIA in coordination with CIA has been conducting an intensive reassessment concerning the number, type, location, and estimated subordination of medium and heavy tanks with Soviet forces in the NGA. Based on this analysis, we have raised our estimate of the total number of Soviet tanks in the NGA by about 500. The main factor which led to this increased estimate is our belief that the increase in numbers of tanks per division, which had been under way for the past 4 to 5 years has now been almost completed. Our previous estimate had assumed that only part of the divisions had been affected by the increases.

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2. The current joint estimates are summarized below:

	Current Estimate* (Rounded)	Previous Estimate (Rounded)
Soviet tanks in:		
East Germany	7100	6800
Poland	650	600
Czechoslovakia	1330	1200
	9100	8600
Tanks with Indigenous Forces:	6900	6900
TOTAL NGA:	16000	15500

3. CIA and DIA intend to update these estimates on a quarterly basis with the next update scheduled for release on 1 July 1974.

* *Because of rounding, components may not add to total shown.*

NATO Guidelines Area -- Soviet Medium and Heavy Tanks in Active Units: Numbers, Type, Location and Estimated Subordination

Summary Table

Soviet Stationed Force	Number of Tanks* (Estimates Rounded)	Number of Tanks by Type* (Estimates Rounded)	
GSFG	7100	3060	T-62
		3340	T-54/55
		220	T-10
		190	JS/JSU
		290	U/I
NGF	650	325	T-62
		325	T-54/55
CGF	1330	900	T-62
		430	T-54/55
Total NGA	9100	4300	T-62
		4100	T-54/55
		220	T-10
		190	JS/JSU
		290	U/I

* Because of rounding, components may not add to total shown.

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NATO Guidelines Area -- Soviet Medium and Heavy Tanks in Active Units:
Numbers, Type, Location and Estimated Subordination 1/

Unit	Location	Number of Tanks	Type of Tanks
GSFG			
Berlin Sec. Bde.	Berlin/Karlshorst 261	120	T-54/55
Tk Bn	Garz 201	31	U/I
Trng. Related			
Tk Trng Regt	Juterbog 207	95	T-54/55
Tk Trng Regt	Juterbog 207	95	T-54/55
Tk Trng Regt	Juterbog 207	95	T-54/55
Tk Trng Regt	Altengrabow 207	126	T-62, T-54/55, T-10 2/
Tk Trng Regt	Altengrabow 201/204	126	T-54/55, T-10 3/
MR Trng Regt	Cottbus 282	40	T-54/55
MR Trng Regt	Mahlwinkel 234	40	T-62
Total Trng Related		617	
Total, GSFG Hqs. Subordinate		768 (770 Rnd)	
1st Gds. Tank Army			
Hvy TR	Langensalza 231	95	JS
6th Gds. TD		325	
53 GTR	Wittenberg 283		T-62
U/I TR	Wittenberg 283		T-54/55
52 GTR	Wittenberg 284		T-62
(200) MRR	Juterbog AB 206		T-54/55

Unit	Location	Number of Tanks	Type of Tanks
7th Gds. TD		325	
U/I TR	Dessau Kochstadt 241		T-62
55 GTR	Rosslau 201		T-62
56 GTR	Zerbst AB 221		T-62
(23) MRR	Bernburg 241		T-62
9th Tank Div.		325	
95 TR	Meissen 202		T-62
23 TR	Zeithain AB 201		T-62
70 TR	Zeithain AB 201		T-62
8 MRR	Zeithain AB 201		T-62
11th Gds. Tank Div.		325	
7 TR	Konigsbruck AB 224		T-62, T-54/55 4/
44 GTR	Konigsbruck AB 221		T-62
40 GTR	Konigsbruck AB 223		T-62
27 GMRR	Dresden AB 208		T-62
27th Gds. MRD		255	
(69) GMRR	Halle AB 203		T-54/55
(70) GMRR	Halle AB 203		T-54/55
68 GMRR	Halle AB 201		T-54/55
28 GTR	Halle AB 201		T-54/55
U/I Tk Bn	Halle AB 201		T-54/55
Total 1st Gds. Tank Army		1650 (1650 Rnd)	

Unit	Location	Number of Tanks	Type of Tanks
2nd Gds. Army			
Hvy Tank Regt.	Schwerin 246	31	JSU
	Ludwigslust 262/266	31	JSU
	Hagenow 261	35	JSU
Tank Regt.	Rathenow 241	35	U/I
9th Gds. Tank Div.		325	
U/I TR	Gustrow AB 246		T-62
47 GTR	Neustrelitz 221		T-62
65 GTR	Neustrelitz 221		T-62
33 GMRR	Furstenberg 283		T-54/55
32nd MR Div.		255	
283 MRR	Hagenow AB 261		T-62
58 MRR	Perleberg 241		T-62
59 MRR	Ludwigslust 261		T-62
33 TR	Parchim 221/222		T-54/55
U/I Tk Bn	Ludwigslust 262		U/I
94th Gds. MR Div.		255	
U/I MRR	Schwerin 242/243		T-54/55
286 GMRR	Schwerin 241		T-54/55
288 GMRR	Wismar 241		T-54/55
(74) TR	Schwerin 242/243		T-54/55
U/I Tk Bn	unlocated		U/I
Total 2nd Gds. Army		1027 (1025 Rnd)	

Unit	Location	Number of Tanks	Type of Tank
3rd Shock Army			
Hvy Tank Regt.	Gardelegen 202	31	T-10
	Stendal 284	31	T-10
	Hillersleben 287	31	T-10
Tank Unit	Quedlinburg 203	71	T-54/55, T-10 5/
10th Gds. Tank Div.		325	
62 GTR	Potsdam 288		T-62
63 GTR	Potsdam 287		T-62
U/I TR	Krampnitz 261		T-62
29 GMRR	Krampnitz 261		T-62
12th Gds. Tank Div.		325	
48 GTR	Neuruppin 205		T-62
66 TR	Neuruppin 205		T-62
U/I TR	Neuruppin 205		T-62
U/I MRR	Unlocated 6/		U/I
25th Tank Div.		325	
111 TR	Templin 223		T-62
175 TR	Prenzlau 241/242		T-62
(83) TR	Prenzlau 241/242		T-62
20 MRR	Furstenberg 281		T-62
47th Gds. Tank Div.		325	
26 GTR	Hillersleben 283		T-62
U/I TR	Hillersleben 286		T-62
(64) GTR	Halberstadt 273		T-54/55
(62) GMRR	Magdeburg 283/284		T-54/55

Unit	Location	Number of Tanks	Type of Tank
207th MR Div.		255	
597 MRR	Burg 262		T-54/55
598 MRR	Gardelegen 201		T-62
594 MRR	Stendal 281		T-54/55
16 TR	Borgitz 242		T-54/55
U/I Tk Bn	Gardelegen 201		T-54/55
Total 3rd Shock Army		1719 (1720 Rnd)	
8th Gds. Army			
Hvy Tank Bn.	Plauen 241	31	T-10
20th Gds. Tank Div.		325	
U/I TR	Saalfeld 281		T-62
U/I TR	Weimar 202/203		T-62
U/I TR	Jena 221		T-62
U/I MRR	Weimar 202/203		T-54/55
20th Gds. MR Div.		255	
19 GMRR	Plauen 242		T-54/55
20 GMRR	Wurzen 281		T-54/55
21 GMRR	Grimma 201/202		T-54/55
1 GTR	Glauchau 261		T-54/55
U/I Tk Unit	Plauen 241		T-54/55
39th Gds. MR Div.		255	
112 GMRR	Gotha 281		T-54/55
120 GMRR	Ohrdruf 221		T-54/55
117 GMRR	Meiningen 201		T-54/55
(15) TR	Ohrdruf 221		T-54/55
U/I Tk Bn	Meiningen 202		T-54/55

Unit	Location	Number of Tanks	Type of Tank
57th Gds. MR Div.		255	
172 GMRR	Leipzig 241		T-54/55
174 GMRR	Weissenfels 221		T-54/55
170 GMRR	Naumburg 281/282		T-54/55
17 GTR	Zeitz 241/242		T-54/55
U/I Tk Bn	Arnstadt 211 7/		U/I
Total 8th Gds. Army		1121 (1120 Rnd)	
20th Gds. MR Army			
Tank Bn.	Doberitz 261 8/	40	T-54/55
6th Gds. MR Div.		255	
16 GMRR	Bad Freienwalde		T-54/55
17 GMRR	Eberswalde 241		T-54/55
35 GMRR	Bernau 241		T-54/55
68 GTR	Bernau 244		T-54/55
10 Ind Tk Bn	Karlshorst 466		T-54/55
14th Gds. MR Div.		255	
69 MRR	Wuensdorf 214		T-54/55
49 GMRR	Juterbog 202		T-54/55
47 GMRR	Juterbog 205		T-54/55
10 GTR	Juterbog 202		T-54/55
U/I Tk Bn	Wuensdorf 214		T-54/55

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Unit	Location	Number of Tanks	Type of Tank
35th MR Div.		255	
U/I MRR	Doberitz 263/583		T-54/55
64 MRR	Doberitz 265/571		T-54/55
83 GMRR	Doberitz 275/268/570		T-54/55
219 TR	Doberitz 263		T-54/55
U/I Tk Bn	Doberitz 263		T-54/55
Total 20th Gds. MR Army		305 (800 Rnd)	
Total GSFG		7090 (7100 Rnd):	
		3060 (3060 Rnd)	T-62
		3335 (3340 ")	T-54/55
		217 (220 ")	T-10
		192 (190 ")	JS/JSU
		286 (290 ")	U/I

Unit	Location	Number of Tanks	Type of Tank
NGF			
20th TD		325	
U/I TR	Swietoszow 201		T-54/55
8 TR	Swietoszow 201		T-54/55
80 TR	Swietoszow 201		T-54/55
7 MRR	Pstraze 210		T-54/55
35th GTD		325	
U/I TR	Borne 203		T-62
U/I TR	Borne 201		T-62
U/I TR	Borne 201		T-62
U/I MRR	Borne 201		T-62
Total NGF		650 (650 Rnd):	
		325 (325 Rnd)	T-62
		325 (325 ")	T-54/55

Unit	Location	Number of Tanks	Type of Tank
CGF			
U/I GMRD		197	
U/I MRR	Mlada Boleslav		T-62
U/I MRR	Zakupy 201 9/		T-62
U/I MRR	Bohosudov 201 9/		T-62
U/I TR	Straz P. Ralskem 201		T-62
U/I TD		325	
U/I TR	Milovice 201		T-62
U/I TR	Milovice 201		T-62
U/I TR	Milovice 201		T-62
U/I MRR	Milovice 201		T-62
U/I Corps			
31 TD	Bruntal 201	325	
237 TR	Mesto Libava 201		T-62
U/I TR	Krnov 201		T-62
100 TR	Frenstat 201		T-62
322 MRR	Olomouc 208		T-54/55
30 GMRD		215	
U/I MRR	Ruzomberok 201		T-54/55
U/I MRR	Jelsava 201		T-54/55
U/I MRR	Komarno 201		T-54/55
U/I TR	Oremov Laz 201		T-54/55
48th MRD		266	
U/I MRR	Ceska Trebova 202		T-54/55
U/I MRR	Rokytnice V. Orlicky 201		T-54/55
U/I MRR	Vysoke Myto 205		T-54/55
U/I TR	Sumperk 201		T-62
U/I ITB	Sumperk 201 10/		T-54/55
Total U/I Corps		806 (800 Rnd)	
Total CGF		1328 (1330 Rnd):	902 (900 Rnd) T-62 426 (430 Rnd) T-54/55

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Footnotes

1/ Except as noted, the estimated T/E for tank and motorized rifle divisions displayed in these tables credits tank regiments with 95 tanks, motorized rifle regiments with 40 tanks and independent tank battalions (ITB) with 40 tanks.

2/ This unit estimated to contain 31 T-62, 64 T-54/55 medium tanks and 31 T-10 heavy tanks.

3/ This unit estimated to contain 95 T-54/55 medium tanks and 31 T-10 heavy tanks.

4/ This regiment estimated to contain 64 T-62 and 31 T-54/55 medium tanks.

5/ This unit estimated to contain 40 T-54/55 medium tanks and 31 T-10 heavy tanks.

6/ CIA believes this regiment is located in the Neuruppin/Zechlin area.

7/ DIA carries this ITB as unlocated.

8/ DIA carries this ITB as subordinate to the 35th MR Div.

9/ These battalions are assessed at 31 tanks each.

10/ This ITB is estimated to contain 51 tanks.

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